

# TRAGIC RELICS IN ARCTIC SEAS.

Mementos of Greely Expedition  
Found by Peary Aid.

## FOOD PERFECTLY PRESERVED.

Professor Donald McMillan Ate Explorer's Provisions and Wore His Abandoned Coat—Racing Dope Sheet and Hymn Book Among Remnants of Ill Fated Expedition.

Professor Donald McMillan of Worcester, Mass., topographer with the Peary expedition, although he did not go to the north pole, had, after Peary himself, the most interesting experiences of any of those in the party.

Remains of the expedition under Greely during his ill fated attempt to find the pole in 1881 to 1884 were discovered by the scientists at Fort Conger, on Lady Franklin bay, in latitude 81.44. Canned vegetables, including potatoes, hominy and rhubarb; some pemmican and tea and coffee were discovered in great quantities.

"They were still good, too," said Professor McMillan. "I know, for I ate some of them myself. Sergeant David R. Brainard's trunk was found intact. I used it as a shelter in taking my observations to protect me from storms."

In May, 1882, the Greely party had reached 83.24 in north Greenland. They were on their return when the winter set in, and they camped at Fort Conger. Here the party became desperate and split. Seventeen of the twenty-five members, under Lieutenant Kisingbury, started off alone in an effort to reach civilization. Limited to nine pounds of baggage and food each, they were overcome by the elements, and all perished. The remainder of the party who remained at Fort Conger were rescued by Admiral (then Lieutenant) W. S. Schley, U. S. N., in 1884.

**Boy's Gift to Explorer Found.**  
Among the relics found at Fort Conger were many documents relating to the expedition, including records in the handwriting of Greely, which had been left behind on the arrival of the rescuing party. One of the finds was a text book, and another was a temperance hymn book. Both had belonged to Lieutenant Kisingbury. The flyleaf of the first bore Kisingbury's name and was inscribed:

"To my dear father, from his affectionate son, Harry Kisingbury. May God be with you and return you safely to us. Lieutenant Kisingbury never returned to his son, who is still living in the west. This book, which, with the hymn book, was shown by Professor McMillan, seemed to have been used by students of Assumption college, Sandwich, Ont., bearing the names of several, with the dates at which they had used it. The words "Harry Kisingbury, Fort Custer, Montana," were also written on the flyleaf. Lieutenant Kisingbury was stationed at Fort Custer when he received leave of absence to take part in the Greely expedition.

The song book bore the dedication:  
To Lieutenant Frederick Kisingbury, from his old friend and wellwisher, the author, George W. Clarke, Detroit, Mich., May 18, 1881.

**Wore Coat Greely Left.**  
"We found Greely's coat on the ground near the camp," said Professor McMillan. "Here is one of the buttons." And he produced a gilt button cut from the uniform worn by the explorer. "The coat was in such a good state of preservation," the professor went on, "that I wore it. It served to keep out the cold too. Between the pages of an old magazine bearing the date 1880 I found, too, several photographic plates which had been made by George B. Rice, official photographer of the expedition. The plates, of course, were spoiled by their long exposure to the elements."

A bit of grim humor was contained in the discovery of a batch of "dope sheets" of the trotting races held in the United States in 1881. These were decipherable, and one might still see the marks where the member of the party whose interest in racing was carried into the arctic had marked his selections. Yet further insight into the life of the party during the long winter night was furnished by a notebook which contained the draft of a speech which was evidently delivered at a banquet held during the long period of inactivity. The speech began: "Chairman and gentlemen—thank God there are no ladies," and was filled with semi-humorous allusions to various members of the party and their peculiarities and hobbies. The speaker said he was sorry to see so few faces, but added that stress of weather had prevented many from being present on this most "auspicious occasion."

**Strange Musical Instrument Found.**  
That the dreary period of waiting was not without other bits of brightness was indicated by the finding of an ocarina, a perished musical instrument once a favorite with those whose ear for music was stronger than their desire for harmony. On this instrument was inscribed the latitude, 83.24, and the date, May 6, 1882.

Other evidences of the haste with which the party had abandoned its headquarters were articles of wearing apparel scattered about, bits of gold braid, fur garments which had been worn out, sewing outfits, buttons, etc.

Professor McMillan also brought back souvenirs from camps of polar expeditions led by Commander C. Hall, U. S. N.; Admiral Sir George Nares, Sir John Lockwood and Roald Amundsen.

## BY AIRSHIP TO CHINA.

Minister Wu Thinks Aeroplanes Will Soon Make Transoceanic Flights.  
Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the United States and minister plenipotentiary to Peru, Mexico and Cuba, who recently returned to New York from Lima, Peru, via the Isthmus of Panama on his way to Washington, said:

"I spent seven days in the canal zone and was much impressed with the systematic manner in which the work is being carried on, especially the enormous steam shovels, like giant hands, methodically scooping out the earth



WU TING FANG.

and casting it aside. The opening of the canal will be a boon to the world at large, and an improvement in trade conditions will assuredly follow. I was informed by Colonel Goethals that he expected to have it finished by 1915, and I hope to travel through it on my way to or from China.

"This is the twentieth century, and I am prepared to see many wonders. Nothing is impossible any longer. I expect to see people flying through the air like birds in the next ten years, when we know how to live and regulate our lives. People laugh now, but it will surely come when we pay more attention to aviation and improve our appliances."

"Do you think that aeroplanes will ever fly across the Atlantic?" he was asked.

"Certainly I do, and across the Pacific to China also," he replied. "We must take this seriously and not make a joke about flying machines."

## SEARCHLIGHTS ON HUDSON.

Most Beautiful Illumination Planned For Hudson-Fulton Pageant.

Searchlights with an aggregate of 2,000,000,000 candle power, will illuminate the Hudson river nightly for miles during the Hudson-Fulton celebration at New York city. Those who have planned this display assert that it will be the most beautiful lighting effect in the history of the world. There will be a battery of forty powerful searchlights, which will occupy more than a block on the viaduct or extension of Riverside drive at One Hundred and Fifty-third street, overlooking the Hudson river. They will be placed 120 feet above the river, and their beams will be cast miles up and down that stream, making it practically as light as day wherever the rays are concentrated. Even Fort Washington point will not be permitted to interfere with the illumination of the upper stretches of the Hudson. The battery of searchlights will be placed so high they will throw their streams clear over Washington point.

Nor is it the purpose to confine the 2,000,000,000 candle power of light merely to the making of white light for the illumination of the river. Color effects unrivaled in the history of celebrations have been planned by W. D. A. Ryan, an illuminating engineer in Schenectady. Huge disks, divided into sections of colored gelatin screens, will be placed in front of the lights. Fully 100 feet beyond them there will be steam pipes which will send out immense plumes of steam. The steam itself would be insufficient to form a curtain on which the lights might play. Therefore, to give body to it, immense quantities of black powder will be burned at the base of the battery of steam pipes, and its smoke and the smoke from exploding bombs will be permitted to mix with the steam. That will make a mammoth curtain on which the color effect will play just as though it were a real curtain and not one formed of smoke and vapor. The plans call for such a smoke and vapor curtain 100 feet high and combinations of colors and tints which will outclass anything of the sort ever attempted. So many screens of colored gelatin will be available that there will be practically no end to the effects which may be produced. They will be visible miles away.

## Always Fun at Dinner Time.

A mother in New York city has struck upon a plan which adds greatly to the general good humor of the household over which she presides. A son works with his father downtown, and there are three girls and a boy in school. At dinner every night each member of the little circle must tell the funniest incident in his or her personal experiences of the day. Tried as an experiment, the idea has been made permanent, and it provides a barrel of fun every twenty-four hours. It also has increased the powers of observation of every member of the family.

## SEEING NEW YORK AIRSHIP.

Expects to Carry Passengers Over Town From an Aeronautic Show.

Glenn Curtiss' flying machine will be exhibited at the first annual aeronautic show at Madison Square Garden, in New York city, during the Hudson-Fulton celebration week. It will not be the same aeroplane used by Mr. Curtiss when he won the world's championship cup at Rheims, but a new one and a duplicate of the one Curtiss will soon use in his flights over the city.

One of the features of the show, it was said, will be a "seeing New York" airship, which will leave the roof garden at Madison Square Garden and carry passengers over the city, making several trips daily. This airship was originally intended to compete with Curtiss, Wilbur Wright and other aviators, but the conditions of the contest were objectionable to the builders, and an arrangement has been entered into whereby passengers will be carried over the city. This will be the first time that an airship has been used for this purpose, and many bookings have been made for trips.

The airship to carry people around New York will be known as the American Eagle. It has a capacity of 3,300 cubic feet of gas and is a huge dirigible with a car eighty feet long, seating fifteen persons. It will be operated by Joel T. Rice of Hot Springs, Ark., president of the Hot Springs Airship company, and John R. Riggs, both noted "sky pilots."

## "CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT."

Taft's Little Joke in Registering at Bankers' Headquarters in Chicago.

At the headquarters of the Ohio delegation to the recent national bankers' convention in Chicago the attendants showed with glee a register which, they argue, proves President Taft a joker.

Mr. Taft slipped into the headquarters, which are in room 1176 at the Annex, just before going to Orchestra hall the other night. He was accompanied only by a secret service man, and he found two attendants decorating the little room. The president exclaimed that he couldn't go away without calling at the headquarters of the crowd from his home state. As he was leaving he was urged to register in the book kept to preserve a record of the bankers who attended the convention from Ohio.

He did—as "Wm. H. Taft." In the space for the name of the bank which the person registered represented he wrote, "Pres. New Central Bank, possibly." The next space was for the place from which he hailed, and there he put down "Afterward, Cincinnati." In the next space, headed "Stopping At," the president wrote, "All along the shore."

Then he laughed and hurried away.

## THE DR. COOK HAT.

Two Feet High and Suggests Polar Region Usefulness.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, struggling against the blizzard blast of the great north and the more subtle danger of canned food, little thought of the fame that was to be his when he reached the very top of the world. The newest fashion in women's hats has been named the "Dr. Cook."

The Dr. Cook hat is suggestive of the north polar region. It seems as high as the cartoonist's picture of the pole, although in reality it is only two feet tall. It is constructed of brown fur, fuzzy and expensive. It is just such a hat as the famous explorer might have drawn over his head when the wind blew cold, and it looks massive and solid enough to furnish forth a good soup in case of arctic emergencies. Further heightening its chilly effect is a snowlike spray or algret high up in the left side.

The president of the National Association of Retail Milliners is the designer of the Dr. Cook hat.

## HARP OF 100 STRINGS.

Two Altoona (Pa.) Mechanics Make Marvelous Instrument.

After working for three years during their spare moments William Russell, a retired cabinetmaker, and his son, Bushman Russell, a musician and dancing master, both of Altoona, Pa., have finished a full stringed chromatic harp of magnificent tone.

It differs from the ordinary harp, as the pedals have been done away with. To make up for the pedals 100 strings are used, one for every tone, instead of forty-two, as on the ordinary harp. The Russells recorded six failures before they finally succeeded. The great difficulty was in getting the pin blocks strong enough, 100 strings exerting a force of over five tons on them when in tune.

## A Municipal Drug Store.

The high rates at which medicines and drugs are sold by the private pharmacies and drug stores of St. Petersburg, in Russia, have induced the municipal authorities to start a municipal pharmacy, for which purpose \$15,450 has been recently allowed. The city pharmacy will supply medicines and drugs to all the disinfection and sanitary departments as well as municipal hospitals. To private persons drugs will be sold at 20 per cent discount against the normal charges.

## Would Make Two States of California.

The sentiment aroused in some quarters to divide California into two states took definite shape recently when the Southern California State league was made a permanent organization at a mass meeting in Los Angeles.

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Daily G.-T., 3 yrs, \$15.00...	7000 votes
Each additional year.....	3000 votes
Weekly G.-T., 1 year, \$2.00...	200 votes
Weekly G.-T., 2 yrs, \$4.00...	600 votes
Weekly G.-T., 3 yrs, \$6.00...	1250 votes
Each additional year.....	1000 votes

## CONDITIONS—Read Carefully

Any young lady is eligible to enter. Candidates may nominate themselves. Nominating coupon in this issue good for 1000 votes if voted on or before Saturday, October 9. Only one nominating coupon will be counted for each contestant. All nominations must be accompanied by proper address of candidate. The county has been divided into two districts. One winner will be sent from each district. Candidates may secure subscriptions anywhere. Reports must be made to Contest Manager at least once a week. At the close of the contest the votes will be counted by five judges, selected by the candidates. The lady who has received the highest number of votes in her district will be declared the winner in her respective district. Successful candidates must place themselves under the guidance and direction of the chaperone and obey her reasonable commands. As the young ladies who make up the party will, by their grace and presence, advertise our beautiful city as well as the state of Oregon, in no small way, they will be expected to wear such badge or badges as will be suitable for that purpose. Votes will be issued on old and new subscriptions. Votes are not transferable. Read the vote schedule.

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